

US-12 Improvement Study

Public Meeting Summary

March 19, 2002

Pittsfield Township Administrative Offices

3:00-5:30 and 7:00-8:30

A public meeting for the US-12 Improvement Study was held on March 19, 2002 from 3:00-5:30 and 7:00-8:30 at the Pittsfield Township Administrative Offices. The open-house format was organized into six stations including 1) Sign In, 2) Study Process, 3) Purpose and Need, 4) Alternatives, 5) Impact Assessment and 6) Comments. Between the two sessions, 76 people attended as determined by the sign in sheet. A total of 41 written comments were received.

In general, comments were varied and at times detailed. All of the comments were reviewed and categorized into three headings. The comments under **Major Categories of Comments and Suggestions** are divided into issues related to *Safety*, *Noise*, *Traffic Signals*, *Natural Environment*, *Personal Property*, and *Suggestions on Road Improvements*. Specific comments are listed below each of these headings. Many of the comments addressed the Alternatives by suggesting specific improvements and recommendations. These comments are categorized under **Comments Specific to Alternatives**.

Major Categories of Comments and Suggestions	#
<i>Safety</i>	
Reduce Speed	6
Fast truck traffic	1
Want to see safety studies performed	1
Kids are unsafe with US-12 so near	1
Exiting from side roads is dangerous	1
Alternatives appear dangerous because of added curves	1
Children's safety is paramount	1
Turning left onto Platt Road is dangerous	1
<i>Noise</i>	
Construct noise barriers if Illustrative Alternative 1-I is chosen	2
Want to see noise studies performed	1
Noise is horrible	1
Use road surface that generates least noise	1

Need sound abatement at Munger Road	1
Widening will bring more noise	1
<i>Traffic Signals</i>	
Add traffic lights at cross roads	5
Add left turn lights	2
Improve timing of traffic lights	1
Eliminate traffic signals as much as possible	1
Add street lights at intersections	1
<i>Natural Environment</i>	
Too much impact with north or south routes	3
Minimize impact to wetlands	2
Preserve as much of the natural environment as possible	1
Illustrative Alternatives 1-S & 2-S impact huge wetland	1
Northern routes impact pristine areas	1
<i>Personal Property</i>	
Minimize impact to personal property	2
Property is devalued	2
Alternatives go through the planned Christian School	1
Preserve homes	1
No notice that alternative 2-S affects my home & property (#18)	1
North and south alternatives impact historic homes	1
<i>Suggestions on Road Improvements</i>	
Add center turn lane	3
Straighten curves	3
Add bike path	3
Straighten out intersections at Morgan, Crane, Platt Roads	1
Add pedestrian paths	1
Improve transportation alternatives	1
Add right turn lane	1
Post speed limit more often	1

Add left turn lane at Platt	1
One lane each direction with wide shoulders	1
Add Michigan turn lanes to a parkway design	1
Reduce weight limit for trucks	1
Add deceleration lanes	1

Comments Specific to Alternatives	#
Upgrade existing alignment	6
Improve US-23 interchange	5
Favor a boulevard	4
Upgrade existing alignment to 5 lanes	3
Widen existing route	3
Favor a 5-lane alternative	2
Build Morgan Road overpass	2
Convert existing alignment to boulevard	2
Have 1-N become a parkway	1
Have 1-S feed into 1-N	1
Build a parkway	1
Don't build Morgan Road overpass	1
Favor Alternative 1	6
Favor Alternative 1-N	10
Favor Alternative 2-N	2

The comments listed above will be taken into consideration as the US-12 Improvement Study Team refines the initial alternatives into a set of Practical Alternatives. The next scheduled opportunity for the public to review and comment on the refined alternatives will take place in the Fall of 2002.

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